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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, IN, US, IT

SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. RELATIONS

1. ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER BERTINETTO CALLED ON ACTING NEA/INS DIRECTOR BROWN FEBRUARY 3 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF INDO-U.S. RELATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, HE REQUESTED COMMENTS ON THREE POINTS REPORTED BY THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI: (1) THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT U.S. HAS WITHDRAWN BILATERAL AID TO INDIA; (2) THEY BELIEVE THAT U.S. HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS 30 PER CENT QUOTA FROM THE U.S. DOLS 500 MILLION WORLD BANK PROJECT" (QUOTE FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY CABLE); AND (3) THEY HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT U.S. IS NO LONGER WORKING WITH MRS. GANDHI BUT IS WORKING WITH HER OPPONENTS (BERTINETTO'S PARAPHRASE).

2. RESPONDING TO LAST POINT FIRST, BROWN STRONGLY DENIED ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE ARE IN ANY WAY INTERVENING IN  
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INDIAN INTERNAL POLITICS. HE SKETCHED CURRENT STATE OF

INDO-U.S. RELATIONS AND, DRAWING ON CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE, CONFIRMED THAT WE HAVE POSTPONED TALKS ON A POSSIBLE REVIVAL OF AN AID PROGRAM UNTIL FY 77. ON BERTINETTO'S SECOND POINT, BROWN INFORMED HIM THAT (1) WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SINGLE PENDING IBRD LOAN FOR INDIA WHICH IS ANYWHERE NEAR THE FIGURE QUOTED; (2) U.S. HAS NOT TAKEN

ANY DECISION THAT WOULD AFFECT OUR GENERAL POSITION TOWARD IBRD LOANS TO INDIA; (3) HOWEVER, AS MANDATED BY U.S. LAW (LONG AMENDMENT), WE HAVE BEEN VOTING AGAINST IDA LOANS TO INDIA FOR OVER A YEAR NOW (BUT IDA LOANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED ANYWAY).

3. BERTINETTO APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND TO BE SATISFIED WITH OUR EXPLANATIONS AND WILL INFORM HIS MINISTRY IN ROME. KISSINGER

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